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MEMORANDUM FOR: Director of Central Intelligence

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SUBJECT: Meeting with Ivan Selin

1. I met with Ivan Selin at the State Department today in order to discuss the Security Evaluation Office. The Assistant Secretary for the Bureau of Diplomatic Security, Bob Lamb, also was present.

2. Selin opened by saying that he had read the material sent to him; the 1987 Shultz-Webster memo to the President, the 1987 Powell memo, the Chairman Stokes letter warning of legislative initiatives if those (SEO) plans are not carried out, and the draft annual DCI report on the Security Evaluation Office. Then, he asked what we needed to do.

3. My reply was that the DCI/SEO needed an opportunity to begin working on overseas security standards with the Bureau of Diplomatic Security and that the Shultz directive to review standards in the Overseas Security Policy Group (OSPG) is a suitable forum in which to begin this dialogue. Selin immediately pronounced that a tremendous idea and seemed to assume that Lamb and I would carry that out without further ado.

4. Selin also asked questions about how the DCI/SEO is working with the State Inspector General. He seemed to indicate an interest in having the DCI/SEO work with Diplomatic Security on inspections too but was not very clear on this point.

5. Selin asked Lamb to comment several times during the half-hour or so but exhibited impatience with all the detail and the critical tone of Lamb's remarks. Selin was positive, spoke in generalities, and seemed to believe that the issue is settled.

6. Selin then described at some length his visits on the Hill. He believes the Congress will go along with almost any Moscow embassy construction program that makes sense, even superficially, and is supported by the DCI from an intelligence perspective. Selin stated that Congress has felt neglected by State and that constant

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attention will stem the carping. He added that one of the Congressmen indicated that the Hill is tired of playing politics with the Moscow embassy issue. Running through all of this discussion was Selin's message that he needs to have the DCI on board to sell his programs. Also, a clear message that he is skeptical that the new Moscow embassy must be demolished.

7. In summary, with regard to the DCI/SEO, there was good news and bad news. The good news is he wants to cooperate and make it work. The bad news is that he did not spend any time trying to make that palatable to Lamb. Given that Lamb will remain until summer, the pace of cooperation is problematical.


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